## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA WESTERN DIVISION

No. 5:94-CR-00097-F-1
No. 5:15-CV-00224-F

RICKY LEE GROVES,

Petitioner,

v.

ORDER

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Respondent.

This matter is before the court on Ricky Lee Groves' pending Motion to Vacate, Set Aside, or Correct Sentence pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 [DE-641].

A review of the record reveals that Groves previously filed a § 2255 motion. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A), "[b]efore a second or successive application permitted by this section is filed in the district court, the applicant shall move in the appropriate court of appeals for an order authorizing the district court to consider the application." In this case, Groves must first obtain an authorization order from the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals before this court will consider any successive petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2255.

In light of the foregoing, Groves' pending Motion to Vacate, Set Aside, or Correct Sentence pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 [DE-641] is DISMISSED without prejudice to him to seek pre-filing authorization from the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. The court concludes that Groves has not made the requisite showing to support a certificate of appealability. Therefore, a certificate of appealability is DENIED.

SO ORDERED.

This, the **27** day of May, 2015.

JAMES C. FOX
Senior United States District Judge